(LOI) is issued. Since the commencement of New Industrial Policy till 30th April, 1995, 30 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda have been filed with the Government for establishing new units| new articles|expansion of existing industrial units in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, with a projected investment of Rs. 137 Crores. In addition, two LOIs, with a proposed investment of Rs. 5.95 Crores have been granted.

These proposals have been received from a cross section of private sector with proposed investment ranging from Rs. 1-40 Crores.

(c) and (d) The trust of the New Industrial Policy has been to enable entrepreneurs to take investment decisions based on their commercial perception.

Nuclear Waste Management

*811. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3867 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st April, 1994 and state:

(a) what is begin done in the area of nuclear waste management and reprocessing;

(b) whether we have the technology of nuclear waste management in our country;

(c) if so, the details of such technology; and

(d) whether this technology is cost-effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Nuclear waste is being managed in a safe manner to protect the environment against the associated hazards, now and in the future.

The spent fuel is reprocessed and the useful products are separated and recovered from the bulk of uranium and radioactive wastes. Newly produced fuel is available for further utilisation in nuclear reactors thus closing the nuclear fuel cycle.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The technologies developed for nuclear waste management include (i) collection and transport systems, (ii) treatment methods for removing radioactivity from the waste to the required extent using physical and chemical processes such as filtration, chemical treatment, evaporation, for exchange etc. (iii) incorporation of radioactivity in a suitable inert solid form such as cement, concrete, polymer glass etc. and packing in suitable metallic containers, (iv) volume reduction of certain types of waste by compaction and incineration, (v) disposal or storage of waste| waste packages in specially engineered structures in a controlled area and (vi) monitoring of disposed of|stored waste.

(d) Yes Sir.

Auctioning of HPF

*812. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Indian Expess dated 7th May, 1995 stating that the Hindustan Photo Films may be auctioned;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter;

(c) whether Goverment are aware that the Import Liberalisation Policy has hurt HPF the most; and

(d) what are the reasons for not taking action so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has not taken a decision to auction HPF.